How to disinfect KEVA planks during the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear KEVA Community,

In light of the coronavirus global pandemic, we would like to share the following advice for disinfecting KEVA planks. Note that some of these methods could make permanent changes to the texture and quality of your planks. As an alternative, if you are the caretaker of KEVA planks in a public space, you may choose to put KEVA planks away until the pandemic passes. Loose parts play is an essential part of human development. Visitors will be excited when they are reintroduced.

Cleaning physically removes dirt and germs, whereas disinfection kills germs. For KEVA planks, disinfection is often quicker and easier than cleaning. For cleaning instructions, <u>click here</u> or visit the FAQ section of KEVAplanks.com.

Disinfection Instructions for KEVA Planks based on CDC Guidelines:

For each of these options, letting the planks dry completely is important to the disinfection process, as well as for reducing any chance of warping.

- Alcohol (We recommend this option for KEVA Planks) Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol. Spread out the KEVA Planks on a flat surface. Use a spray bottle to mist the surfaces of the KEVA planks. Turn the planks over and mist the other side. Alcohol causes the least amount of change to KEVA Planks.
- Commercial Disinfectants Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be
 effective. Various disinfectants will affect the surface smoothness of the planks differently. Test
 spray a few planks and allow them to dry. Then feel them to assess if the surface has become
 too rough.
- Diluted Household Bleach Solutions (Not recommended for KEVA Planks) Bleach solutions
 cause the most noticeable change to the surface of KEVA Planks. The surface will be rougher
 after a bleach solution is applied to the planks. It is important to create the proper dilution so
 measure your water and bleach according to the instructions below.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or

4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach our team at info@kevaplanks.com.

All the best, The KEVA Team

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